

Remarks

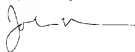
Claims 1, 3, 10-12, and 19 are allowed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 5-7, 14-16, and 21-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Kober et al. (US 6,430,216) in view of Forsythe et al. (US 6,745,050) and Lee (US 6,332,000). This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of the claims in question.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the patent application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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